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DE 296 07 245U discloses a vacuum cleaner with a housing, incorporating a dust chamber (5) and a fan chamber (15), with a lower housing section (1), with an upper housing section (3), with a receptacle (dust chamber receptacle 6) for the enclosure of the dust chamber (5) and the accommodation of a dust bag, and with a casing (30) arranged in the fan chamber (15) for the enclosure of the fan (21) and motor (22) and communicating with the air stream in the dust chamber (5) on one side and with the ambient environment on the other, such that the unit formed by the motor (22) and the fan (21) is mounted in the casing (30) using fittings for the reduction of vibrations, characterized in that the casing (30) is constructed in the form of a hood which is directly secured to the chamber (6) and is occluded by the latter.

DE 41 00 858 discloses that a gearless tuner for a stringed musical instrument comprises a generally cylindrical housing for mounting on the instrument including an axial opening extending through it a knob core sized for insertion into the axial opening in the

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housing including a threaded aperture extending axially through it and an annular ring for interacting with the housing to maintain the knob core in the housing. There is an elongated slider extending into the axial opening of the housing and axially threaded into the aperture for securing one end of a string of the instrument and drawing the string into the housing when the knob core is rotated w.r.t. the housing to tension the string. There is also a string opening through the slider substantially parallel to the direction of the string on the instrument for receiving the string, and locks both for allowing the slider to move axially w.r.t. the housing and preventing the slider from rotating w.r.t. the housing. ADVANTAGE - Provides a tuner for a stringed musical instrument which may be quickly and easily installed on the instrument, and in which the main components may be preassembled without the need for substantial disassembly during installation.

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